(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) वर्ष 1993-94 में 19 मार्च, 1994 (अद्यतन अवधि, जिसके लिए आंकड़े उपलब्ध हैं) तक मुद्रापूर्ति (एम3) में 17.9 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर्ज की गई । मुद्रापूर्ति में अधिक वृद्धि मुख्यतः भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक की निवल विदेशी मुद्रा आस्तियों में अपवादित रूप से अत्यधिक प्रसार (114.4 प्रतिशत) के कारण है ।

(घ) और (ङ) मार्च के अंत (26-3-1994) में वार्षिक मुद्रास्फीति दर 10.2 प्रतिशत तक पहुंच गई, जो वर्ष 1993-94 के लिए प्रारंभ में अनुमानित 5-6 प्रतिशत की दर से अधिक हुई । मुद्रास्फीति की दर अर्थव्यवस्था की मांग और पूर्ति दोनों तरफ प्रचालित कई कारकों की परस्पर-क्रिया का परिणाम है । इन कारकों में मुद्रास्फीति में अधिक विस्तार के फलस्वरूप प्रणाली में उच्च नकदी वृद्धि शामिल है । चावल, गेहूं और चीनी के मूल्यों में वृद्धि ने मुद्रास्फीति को लगभग एक प्रतिशतांक तक बढ़ा दिया है ।

**Fee for Installation of Powerlooms**

4455. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the rate of fee being collected for submission of information/Memorandum for installation of powerlooms;

(b) whether any representation has been received to collect the fee per loom but not per unit, irrespective of the number of powerlooms installed; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) An amount of Rs. 1,000 is to be paid at the time of submission of Information Memorandum on installation of powerloom.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The fee of Rs. 1,000/- per unit has been prescribed in 1993 only, keeping in view the new Industrial policy and various view points.

**Penalties Imposed on M/s. P. I. Pipes & Vessels Ltd.**

4456. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Questions 858 and 1222 -given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March- and 21st July, 1992, respectively, and state:

(a) whether the Department of revenue has recovered the full amount of customs duty, fine and penalties imposed on M/s. P.J. Pipes and Vessels Ltd. (PJPVL) on the goods confiscated by the Customs authorities;

(b) if not, what is the actual amount so far recovered from the said Company and what is the balance of customs duty, fine and penalties yet to be recovered;

(c) what are the reasons for which these recoveries have not so far been made; and

(d) what is the value of goods confiscated by the Customs authorities and how Government propose to dispose of these goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) As per available information, an amount of Rs. 3,90,68,234 has been recovered from M/s P. J. Pipes and Vessels Ltd. in respect of Customs Duty and penalties imposed on the said company. An amount of Rs. 3.63 crores appx. is yet to be recovered from the said company towards fine, penalty and Customs Duty.

(c) Customs Excise & Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal has directed M/s P.J. Pipes and Vessels Ltd. to deposit a sum of Rs. 2,30,68,234 towards Customs duty and amount of Rs. 25 lakhs towards penalty imposed on the company, in addi tion to Rs. 1.35 crores deposited by the company earlier. The remaining amount of Customs Duty has been stayed subject to compliance with the Stay Order passed by Customs Excise & Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal.

(d) The value of goods confiscated is appx. Rs. 1.40 crores. Customs Excise & Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal has given M/s P.I. Pipes & Vessels Ltd. the option to redeem the goods by depositing a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs as fine in lieu of confiscation and payment of Customs Duty on the same. Hence, Government cannot consider disposing of confiscated goods, at this stage.